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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re U.S. Patent Application of)
YAMAMOTO et al.) **Group Art Unit 2137**
Application Number: 09/918,642)
Filed: August 1, 2001) **Examiner Kevin Schubert**
For: **METHOD FOR OBTAINING A SOLUTION OF AN**)
OPTIMIZATION PROBLEM)
Attorney Docket No. ASAM.0013)

**Honorable Assistant Commissioner
for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231**

COVER LETTER

Sir:

[x] The fee for submission of claims is calculated as shown below:

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Total Claims	8	8	(Over 20)	x \$50	0
Independent Claims	6	6	(Over 3)	x \$200	0
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S)				+ \$360	0
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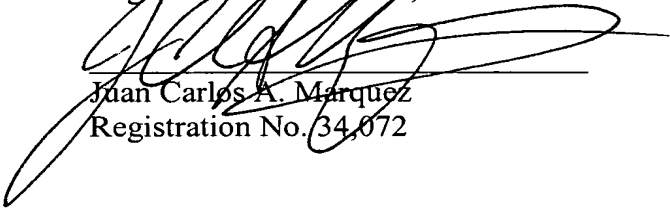
In addition, the below-identified communications are submitted in the above-captioned application or proceeding:

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| [x] Response/Amendment
(with claim election) | [] Petition for Extension of Time (month) |
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on January 25, 2005, the period of response to which is set to expire on February 25, 2005. Applicants hereby elect the continuing prosecution of Invention I as recited in claims 1 and 5-8, directed to a cryptographic method, without traverse.